



State Representative William A. Hamzy

Dear Friends,

The 2005 legislative session for the most part was a good one for the 78th District. Annual funding for local schools and road maintenance is up from last year. In addition, this year's bonding package, which I supported, authorizes funding for several local projects, including:

- \$4,000,000 for a rehabilitation and renovation project at Rockwell Park in Bristol.
- \$350,000 for the restoration of the historic water wheel and generator in Terryville.
- \$1,500,000 for the renovation of the American Clock and Watch Museum in Bristol.

Other grants were approved this year for Plymouth projects. They were:

- A \$300,000 Small Cities grant to continue the town's housing rehabilitation revolving fund program.
- A \$27,500 grant to help the town develop a state certified computer assisted mass appraisal system to provide for fairer and more accurate revaluations and to improve assessment and tax collection practices.

Federal homeland security and anti-terrorism grants also were authorized for the 78th District. Bristol's grant amounts to \$196,117; and Plymouth's, \$44,222.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of representing you at the Connecticut General Assembly in Hartford.

Sincerely,



Representative Hamzy, Speaker of the House James J. Amann, D-Milford, and other legislators recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the opening of a 2005 session of the state House of Representatives.

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Representative Hamzy speaks on the floor of the House during the 2005 Legislative Session.

PROTECTING YOUR INTERESTS

Voting for Fiscal Responsibility

During the 2005 session, as in previous years, I worked on behalf of the average family. I know how hard people work in Connecticut, which has the highest federal, state and local tax burden per person and the largest per capita state debt as well.

Protecting Property Rights

I voted to support Connecticut property owners in the wake of a recent Supreme Court decision allowing the City of New London to seize residents' homes to make way for an economic development project. I voted for a proposal to limit the authority of state and local governments to take property through eminent domain.

Fighting for Fair School Funding

I will continue to fight for a more equitable distribution of state education aid to our towns to enhance the quality of education in our public schools. Under the current school aid formula the state sends \$9,000 per pupil to students in the cities, while suburban communities receive as little as \$100 per student.

Ethics Reform

The State Ethics Commission was abolished and replaced with a Citizens Ethics Advisory Board and an Office of State Ethics under an act I supported.

Reforming the State Contracting Process

Governor Rell implemented reforms I support to restore trust in the integrity of the state contracting process by ensuring contracts are awarded on their merits, not in return for bribes and favors.

Campaign Finance

I have worked to remove special interest money from political campaigns for many years and will continue to fight for this kind of reform in the future. Strict financial limits and full disclosure are a better approach than using our tax dollars for political campaigns.

Farmland Preservation

I voted for a law that will help preserve and protect Connecticut's dwindling farm land and open space by allowing the agriculture commissioner to enter into joint ownership agreements with certain nonprofit organizations to acquire the development rights to qualified agricultural land.

Clean Diesel Plan

I supported an act requiring the state to develop a plan to reduce the health risks from diesel pollution and to meet federal air quality standards for fine particulate matter.

Encouraging Research and Development in CT

A new law I supported requires the state Office of Workforce Competitiveness to establish four new grant programs to prepare college students for careers in research and development and spur research collaboration between academia and industry.

Fostering Technological Innovation

The state's economic development agencies and the University of Connecticut are required to create a network through which university scientists and business researchers can find new ways to apply research and new technologies under a law I supported.

Nurturing Innovative New Companies

I voted for a law establishing the Connecticut New Opportunities Fund to invest in newly formed Connecticut companies that cannot raise venture capital or face other barriers despite the potential demand for their products or services.

Consumer Protection

I cosponsored a law to help protect consumers from becoming victims of identity theft and bank fraud. I also voted for legislation prohibiting the sale of gift certificates with expiration dates to enable people who receive gift cards to redeem them when they choose to do so; and for an act that prohibits cell phone companies from disclosing a customer's cell phone number, name, or address to another person without the subscriber's permission.

Protecting Seniors from Exploitation

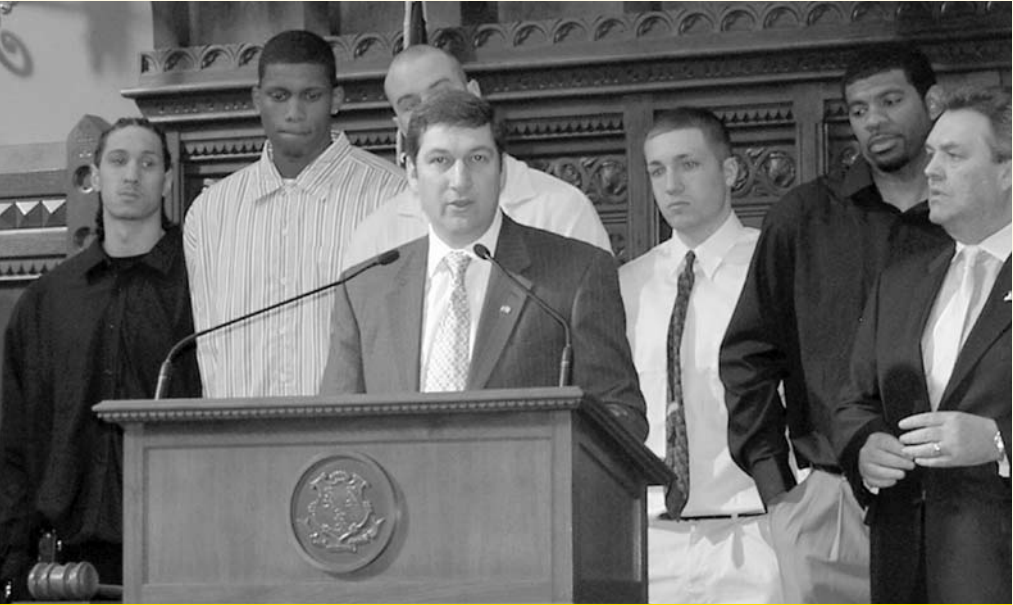
The sale of annuities to seniors without regard to their financial situation or needs is classified as an unfair insurance practice under legislation I supported.

Nursing Home Fire Safety

To ensure the safety of nursing home residents, I voted for a law that requires nursing homes to install fire extinguishing systems by July 31, 2007 and requires them to be installed throughout the nursing home.

Paramedic Recertification

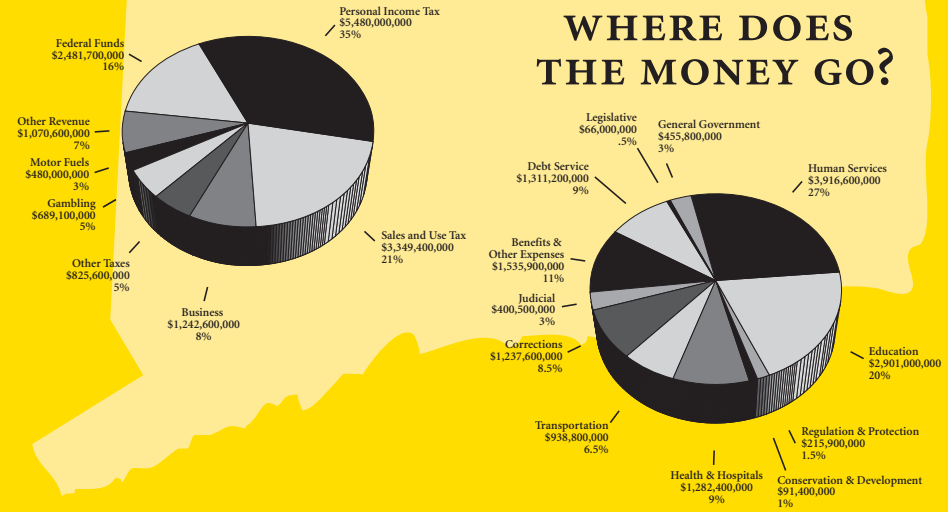
Paramedics whose licenses have lapsed can be recertified temporarily as emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and apply for renewal of their paramedic licenses or for recertification as EMTs before their temporary certificates expire under a law I supported.



Representative Hamzy welcomes members of the University of Connecticut Men's Basketball team to the state House of Representatives on 'Husky Day' at the General Assembly. Both the men's and women's teams were honored for their achievements during the 2004 - 2005 basketball season.

BUDGET ENDING JUNE 30, 2005 THE 2005 GENERAL FUND AND THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND TOGETHER SPEND \$14.4 BILLION

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?



*Revenues Exceeded Spending Leaving A General Fund Surplus of \$777 Million

State Budget

I opposed the \$31-billion two-year budget adopted this year that raised spending 9 percent the first year and 12 percent over two years because it increases taxes on employers, mandates excessive spending and violates the constitutional spending cap.

Protecting Citizen Soldiers

I cosponsored legislation that provides workers compensation benefits to members of the Connecticut National Guard when they are called to active duty.

Thanking Our Service Men and Women

Any member of the armed forces stationed in Connecticut and his or her spouse, are eligible for in-state tuition at the University of Connecticut, the Connecticut State University, and the state's community-technical colleges under a law I cosponsored.

Promoting Traffic Safety

Under a law I supported, drivers who illegally use traffic signal preemption devices to change a traffic control signal or alter its timing are subject to criminal penalties that escalate if the use of the device results in an accident that injures or kills someone.

Supporting Fall Mountain Lake Property Owners

A special act of the legislature I sponsored at the request of the Fall Mountain Lake Property Owners Association assigns one vote to each lot as the criterion for voting on the association's budget. It also removes the maximum \$75 per member tax the association's board of governors may recommend when they submit the proposed budget at the group's annual meeting.